

**St. Paul's Convent School, Primary Section**  
**English Supplementary Exercise (2019-2020) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term**  
**Comprehension – Unit 6**

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***History of the Peak***



Victoria Peak is a hill located on the western half of Hong Kong Island. It also has two other names -- Mount Austin and the Peak. With an **elevation** of 552 m (1811 ft), it is the highest hill on Hong Kong Island. As early as the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Peak was very popular because of its scenic views over the city and its **temperate** weather which was comfortable for daily life.

People didn't always live on the Peak. In fact, the sixth Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Richard MacDonnell, had a summer home built on the Peak and so other people followed by building houses there as their summer vacation homes.

Also, traveling up to the Peak in those days was difficult. Back then, residents reached their homes by sedan chairs, which carried people up and down the **steep** slope of Victoria Peak. As residents wanted easier **accessibility** to the Peak, more residents were trying to look for an easy way to up. As a result, the Peak Tram was opened in 1888. After that, there was no need for sedan chairs anymore.

With over several million visitors every year, the Peak is one of Hong Kong's major tourist attractions. It has views of the city and its waterfront. The viewing deck also has telescopes that the visitors can use to enjoy the **cityscape**. There are two major shopping centres at the Peak which are the Peak Tower and the Peak Galleria. Since the Peak offers many activities to enjoy, it is no surprise that tourists from all over the world travel to the top of the Peak to experience it all.

**A. Fill in the table with short answers and answer the questions in complete sentences.**

1. With the help of the passage, fill in the information below.

<b>Other names of the Peak:</b>	a) _____ Victoria Peak _____	b) _____ Mount Austin _____
<b>The original resident:</b>	c) _____ Sir Richard MacDonnell _____	

2. Why was the Peak so popular in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century?

The Peak was so popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century because of its scenic views over the city and its temperate weather which was comfortable for daily life.

3. How did people travel up the Peak in the early days?

People travelled / traveled up the Peak in the early days by sedan chairs.

4. What public transport was constructed for an easy way up the Peak?

The Peak Tram was constructed for an easy way up the Peak.

5. What can visitors use to enjoy the view of Hong Kong?

Visitors can use teleopes to enjoy the view of Hong Kong.

**B. Tick  the suitable answer.**

1. The main idea of the passage is about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a.  The sixth Governor of Hong Kong      b.  The Peak's history  
c.  theme parks in Hong Kong

2. The first Peak Tram opened in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a.  1888                      b.  1832                      c.  1901

3. According to the passage, there are \_\_\_\_\_ major shopping centres at the Peak.

- a.  five                              b.  three                              c.  two

4. Which of the following sentences is true?

- a.  The Peak is located in London.  
b.  The Peak is the highest hill on Hong Kong Island.  
c.  People travel up the Peak by sedan chairs nowadays.

**C. Match the words from the passage with their meaning.**

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| 1. elevation (n.) (line 3)      | a. relating to climate characterized by mild temperature |
| 2. temperate (adj.) (line 4)    | b. height above a given level                            |
| 3. steep (adj.) (line 10)       | c. the visual appearance of a city                       |
| 4. accessibility (n.) (line 11) | d. rising or falling sharply                             |
| 5. cityscape (n.) (line 16)     | e. the quality of being easy to obtain or use            |

1.     b        2.     a        3.     d        4.     e        5.     c    

**D. Fill in the blanks with the words from Part C. You may need to change the form of the word.**

1. Wheelchair ramps allow the disabled to gain     accessibility     to buildings.
2. The     cityscape     of Hong Kong is magnificent. It attracts many tourists from every corner of the world to come every year.
3. After several heavy rainfalls, the area has a sudden     elevation     of water flowing in from the sea. As a result, flooding occurs in some parts of the area.
4. Malaysia has a     temperate     climate which makes its crops grow healthily, yielding a large amount rice and coconuts.
5. The     steep     slopes in Japan make it a snow skier's paradise in the wintertime.

**E. Make a meaningful sentence using each of the words below taken from the passage.**

1. difficult (adj.) (line 9)

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2. residents (n.) (line 11)

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